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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MANABU TAKAYAMA, ET AL.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: 09/832,116) Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Filed: April 11, 2001)
For: OPTICAL SCALE, MOLD)
THEREFOR, AND OPTICAL)
ENCODER) June 18, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The enclosed Japanese language document is discussed in the specification at page 1. Applicants submit that the document is relevant for the reasons noted therein.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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09/103,581

June 24, 1998

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A copy of each cited application is enclosed.

FORMAL MATTERS

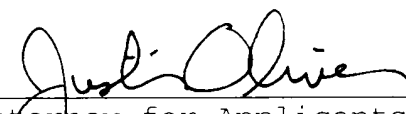
No fee is believed due in connection with this paper; however, if any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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